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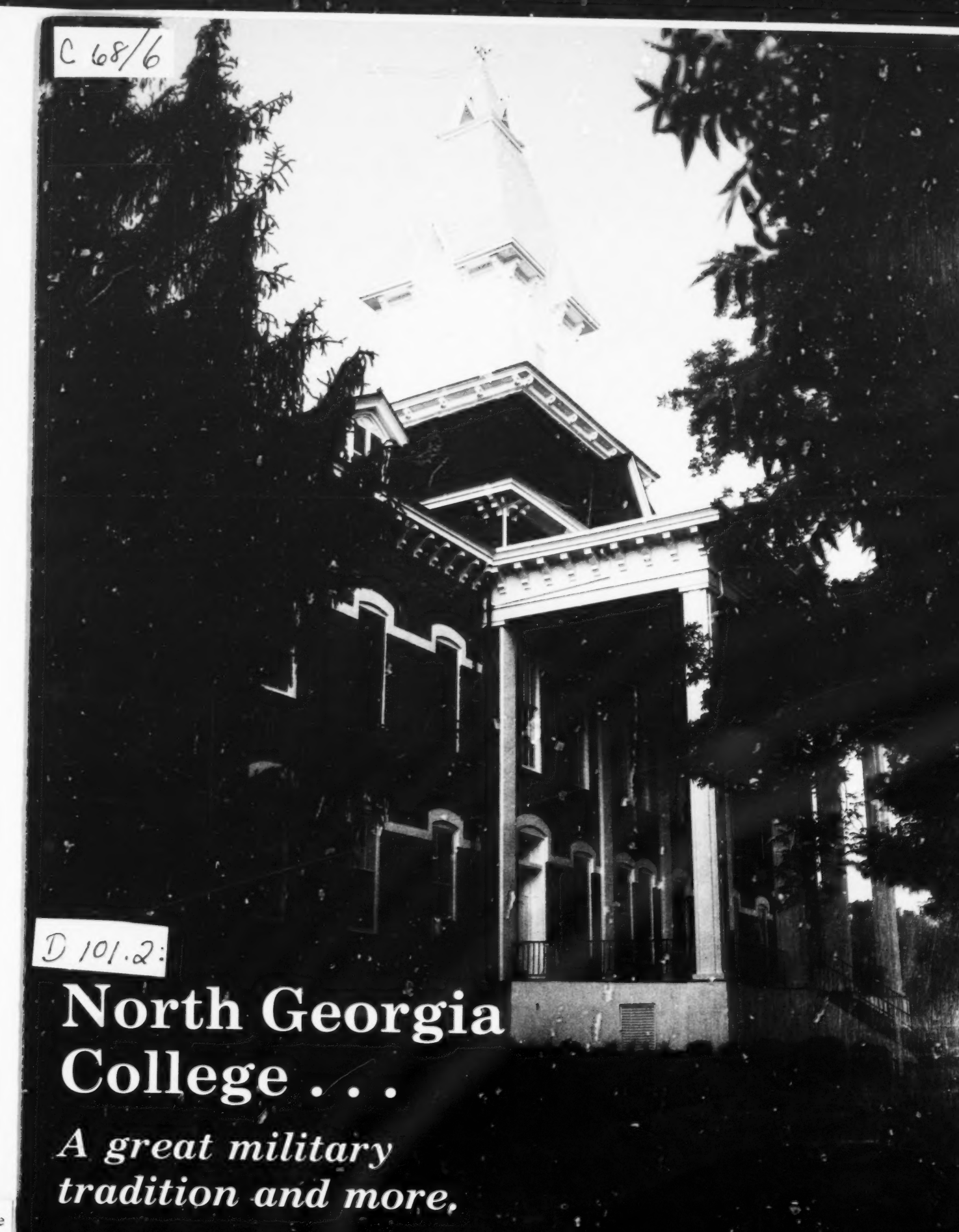

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North Georgia College . . .

A great military tradition and more.

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North Georgia College

Serving Nation and State Since 1873

"Perhaps you are familiar with the concept of pushups. I will now teach you how to do them cor-rectly." The cadet company officer, only two or three years older than his new charges, immediately fell prone and ripped off a dozen perfect repetitions. Stars still twinkled in the predawn sky, and the crisp September morning air of the Georgia mountains kept the cadet recruits from breaking a steady sweat as they dropped and executed the pushup command.

For nearly 200 young men and women, their first full day of life at North Georgia College had begun.

The new group of cadets underwent a week of full-time, intensive military instruction and training before beginning classes. But when those classes began, the military aspects of life at NGC took second place to the emphasis on academics.

To those unfamiliar with the Dahlonega college, NGC's combination of a strong military program with a liberal arts curriculum may seem unusual. Indeed, NGC is the nation's only public, coeducational, liberal arts military college.

The military program has been a part of North Georgia College from its very earliest days. The college was founded in 1873, on the site of the former U.S. mint built in the gold rush period, and soon after students requested that the institution be organized on a military basis. North Georgia College has at various times been an agricultural and mining school and a junior college, but the military program has been a constant.

The present-day program is conducted by the U.S. Army as part of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). Participation is mandatory for all resident males, but commuting men and all women (a majority of the students) may participate at their option. About 600 of NGC's 1,800 undergraduate students are in the Corps of Cadets, including 20 women. Students may seek Army or Army Reserve commissions, and every year the college commissions between 40 and 70 second lieutenants.

The hallmarks of the college's proud military history are many. More than 2,900 NGC commissioned officers served in World War II. The renowned "Hell's Angels" Navy fighter squadron of that war was composed entirely of NGC alumni. Several times in recent years NGC cadets were rated number one in military fitness and leadership among more than 100 schools in their ROTC region. Recently retired General William Livsey, former commander of U.S. forces in Korea, is an NGC alumnus and one of many North Georgia College graduates who have attained the rank of general officer.

In recognition of this tradition, the state legislature has created the Georgia Military Scholarship, available only to North Georgia College students. In return for Army National Guard service while in school and afterwards for four years as officers, academically qualified students are given full scholarships. Thirty such awards are made in every entering class.

The goal of a broad, liberal education is one firmly supported by the military department. The role of the military program is best defined by a past professor of military science who explained that "we have no major in military science. We see our role as one of support, not dominance. The Army expects our graduated officers to be well-rounded, educated, reasoning individuals. That cannot be accomplished unless studies are given a priority."

Among the college's most popular and widely respected majors are those science programs associated with the health professions. The college boasts the highest acceptance rate to the Medical College of Georgia of any school in the state University System. In a recent year, NGC graduates placed first, second, and third among all entering students at the Medical College of Georgia in a competition for the Desiree Franklin Memorial Scholarship, worth $2,500 annually. The college's latest academic offering in health fields is the bachelor of science in nursing.

Although only one of every three students at NGC is in the military program, there is little doubt that the discipline and conservative social standards which mark the Corps of Cadets permeate campus life. "Our students have as much fun as students anywhere," says Dr. John H. Owen, president of NGC since 1970. "But I think you will find here a greater seriousness of purpose than you'll find at some schools. We're not for everyone. But we do serve our students well."

The numbers would seem to bear him out. The college enjoys one of the more favorable enrollment trends in the University System, including a growing graduate degree program in education.

It's little wonder that the college promotes enrollment with the phrase, "A great military tradition — and more."

-- Marc Cutright

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NGC at a Glance

1988-89

Enrollment Profile

Total	2200
Male	1000
Female	1200
Undergraduate	1900
Graduate	300
In-State	2000
Out-of-State	200

Cost Per Year

Tuition and Fees	$1401
Room	930
Board	1080
Total	$3411

*Out-of-State Students must pay an additional $2289 per year.

Admission Requirements

North Georgia accepts the most qualified applicants based on a combination of high school average, SAT scores and potential for completion of a degree program. Interviews are not required, but a campus visit is strongly advised. The **average** SAT score for the latest freshman class was approximately 900. Applications exceed space available and, therefore, should be submitted early in the senior year.

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Majors Offered

Biology
Accounting
Economics
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Marketing
Secretarial Science
Chemistry
Early Childhood Education
Special Education
Elementary Education
Middle Grades Education
Secondary Education
English
Art (Education)
Craft Design/Marketing
Music (Education)
Mathematics
Nursing
Computer Science
French
Physical Education
Recreation
Physics
Criminal Justice
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